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Ronald E. BOCH et al.

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Application No.: 09/833,406

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For: DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR
HYDROPHOBIC DRUGS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed September 12, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 12, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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